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Education funding in tug of war

By Dmitri Bulgakov
REPORTER

During this and the next few weeks the fate of the state educational funding will be decided for the upcoming two years — possible tuition raises depend on that decision.

Ohio higher education has received several cuts over the last few years. Ohio's higher education budget in 2001 was cut by \$20 million and in 2002 by \$120 million. There were three cuts last year: \$121 million in July, \$13.4 million February and \$39.2 million March. According to Larry Weiss, associate vice president of University relations and governmental affairs, the total cut of \$316.6 million for the three years

has cost each full-time student nearly \$1,000.

"We need to invest substantial financial support in higher education," said David Goodman, a senator who sits on the Senate's Finance Committee. "We have 20 to 30 years of bi-partisan neglect to make up for. I am fighting hard to restore funds ... we need to find ways in the future to do more."

Every other year, the state approves a two-year budget. The governor this year has made recommendations for slight increases for higher education in both fiscal year '04 and '05. Fiscal year '04 starts on July 1 — less than a month from now. However, after going through the House of

Representatives, the budget's higher education item has gotten another cut and now lies in the Senate. Now many senators are determined to increase such spending.

"On [last] Wednesday the Senate unveiled its budget plan, which contains a \$225 million increase in funding for higher education beyond the budget as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives," senator Randy Gardner from Bowling Green said. "While I believe there remains more to do to make Ohio more competitive in education attainment, the Senate plan is a significant achievement during very difficult budget times. There is a direct link between investing

in higher education and Ohio's economic future."

University junior Holly Haines recently testified in front of senators in support of the higher education spending.

"I think it is important that we continue state aid to universities such as Bowling Green because the financial support that we have received and hope to continue to receive has helped so many people have the opportunity to attend college, like myself," Haines said. "... Receiving a college education aids individuals in the process of achieving their goals and dreams and experiencing a lifetime of success."

Haines said she would not be

where she is today if it were not for the state support that she has received. "I want other people to be able to have the opportunities that I have had, and there are so many people that we still need to reach out to. I wanted to show others that college students really do care, and that we are not taking our education for granted."

According to some estimates, there is much to be done to increase the competitiveness of the state and the prospects of better tax revenues.

"Ohio is the undereducated state, Weiss said. "We are far beneath the national average in the percentage of our population that has education beyond high school degrees. As we are becoming

the undereducated state, the average earnings are also going down, because we do not have people with the college degrees ... One of the comments we are using [to convince the legislators] is [that] higher learning means higher earning."

Low earnings create a problem for the state, because it then cannot generate enough tax revenue. Thus the proponents of generous spending on education say that spending on the higher education is investing because higher education adds to tax revenues.

However, the struggle for educational spending is not over yet. The Senate version of the budget

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WOW-ing on one wheel

By Chuck Soder
MANAGING EDITOR

April McCurdy lets her unicycle do the talking.

From atop her six-foot tall one-wheeler, the quiet 13 year old draws the eyes of passers-by as she silently swerves through a line of parking cones.

Next, she hops aboard a smaller unicycle for more stunts — backpedaling, juggling and using a hula hoop as a jump rope. A man stops his car and watches in disbelief: "No way," he says.

Members of WOW Unicycle Club are used to the attention, according to Jan Layne, WOW director. Part of a one-wheeler's appeal is that it gives the rider a skill that makes them unique, Layne said.

"They can do something that other people can't," she said.

It's not an easy skill to learn, April says. For her, practice reaches beyond WOW's weekly meeting in the Eppler Complex and onto neighborhood sidewalks, parking lots and occasionally into the house, despite the wishes of her parents, Tom and Donna.

April represents the younger side of WOW members, who range in age from 6 to 72.

On the flipside, Layne, now in her 60s, has ridden for 25 years. In 1984, she founded WOW, which originally stood for "Wood One-Wheelers." Soon, WOW grew beyond Wood County. The group shortened its name when it merged with Smiling Faces Unicycle Club from Findlay. Layne founded that group, too, 12 years earlier.

At the time, she couldn't even ride a unicycle.

Since then, she and the rest of WOW have won eight national championships and have ridden in two Orange Bowl halftime shows. They've also hosted four national meets — two at BGSU and two at the University of Findlay.

Between competitions they entertain, participating in about 50 events a year, according to Layne.

"We turn down more shows and parades than we can do," she said.

Aside from WOW officers, Layne's assistants are the group's adults — which have in the past included BGSU students and faculty. But more than two-thirds of this year's group are children and teenagers.

Layne said WOW is good for youngsters, especially those as quiet as April. "Some kids don't come out of their shell till they find something they like to do and want to talk about it," she said. "It's a great way for kids to bloom."

Her grandson did just that.

"[He] was really shy, then he'd get on a unicycle, and he could do anything," she said.

Layne's grandson isn't her only relative that rides — nearly all of them do. Her husband and five children ride unicycles. So do seven of her 10 grandchildren.

"The rest of them are only babies," she said.

Nowadays her family's youngsters learn to ride as soon as they are tall enough to hop aboard. For them, it has become as natural as riding a bicycle — sometimes even more so, Layne said.

"For a while my granddaughter could ride a unicycle but not a two-wheeler," she said.

It's also a family affair at the McCurdy household. Both April and her seven-year-old sister Samantha ride unicycles.

Samantha isn't quite ready for the six-foot unicycle, but she's past the basics, according to her mother Donna.



Ashley Digby BG News

IN THE SKY: April McCurdy, 13, sits atop her six-foot-tall unicycle. McCurdy — shorter than the one-wheeler she rides — learned this and other tricks as a part of WOW Unicycle Club. The club holds weekly practices in Eppler Complex.

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"We can do a woman's ... club, and it is very successful. We get mail from men saying, 'Hey what about us?'"

HEATHER BISHARA, OFFICE OF
CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT'S PROGRAM
COORDINATOR

Boredom not only summer option

By Dmitri Bulgakov
REPORTER

The campus looks dead now in comparison with what we see during the fall and spring. However, that does not mean that one cannot find some cultural activities to enjoy. The Office of Campus Involvement with Student Union has quite a few events this summer. Take a note: films, music, bingo, clubs and trips.

Four more movies are to be shown this summer at the Union Theater.

"We have a sizzling movie series [this summer]," said Heather Bishara, program coordinator of Office of Campus Involvement. "So what we did is we picked movies that are having sequels coming out this summer. The only film that does not have a sequel coming out is Men In Black 2. So it is the way for students to see the first movie before they get to the second." Like last summer, fewer films are shown than during the academic year.

Readers wanting to share their thoughts on books are welcome at summer book clubs. Sign up for the first club begins June 2 at the information desk in the Union. June's book is "For Better or Worse." The club is open to 12 participants.

"We decided this [to pick up this women's novel, because of] a lot of feedback that women are more avid readers," Rosa Hanco, program coordinator of Union, said. "We can do a woman's ... book club, and it is very successful. We get mail from men, saying 'Hey, what about us?'"

Though women have shown more interest, men are still invit-

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Sluggers endure growth pains, look to next year

By Daniel Gedney
SPORTS REPORTER

With a roster that contained as many freshmen as it did juniors and seniors combined, the Bowling Green baseball team was forced to go with youth over experience this season.

"I guess it was kind of a growing pain year," head coach Danny Schmitz said. "When you only start one senior and one junior position player wise, everyone else is a freshman/sophomore, I guess we kind of showed our inexperience and our youth this year."

The inexperience led the Falcons to a record of 17-28 overall and 9-18 in the Mid-American Conference. They failed to qualify for the Mid-American Conference tournament.

The Falcons were led this season by Kelly Hunt, who hit .439 in his senior season. The only Falcon to start all 45 games, Hunt led the team in runs batted in

(61), hits (75), doubles (18), total bases (122), slugging percentage (.713), walks (21) and fielding percentage (.988).

Hunt ended his career at BG with a .399 batting average, good for a tie for sixth place in MAC history. He also leaves as the school's all-time leader in runs batted in with 197, placing him second all-time in the MAC, as well as the record for total bases (434) and putouts (1,027). He also tied for the most home runs in school history with 45.

"He really rewrote the record book," Schmitz said. "Hitting number three or four for us in the middle of the lineup, that is going to be a major hole for us to fill next year."

Outfielder David Barkholz ended the 2003 season on a tear. He finished with a nine-game hitting streak, eight being multi-hit games, where he raised his batting average 36 points to finish the season at .348.

"David might be the best centerfielder we have ever had here at Bowling Green, and we've had some outstanding centerfielders," Schmitz said. "He covered the ground out there, and he came on strong offensively. We're going to need him to help pick up the slack that is going to be vacated when Kelly leaves us."

One freshman who had a breakout year was Nolan Reimold. Reimold appeared in 42 of 45 games this season and started 38 of them. He was third on the team with a .329 batting average and 46 hits. He also collected one homerun and drove in 17 runs.

"Nolan was a young man that we were hoping was going to step in as a freshman," Schmitz said. "To be able to hit three or four for us and being a freshman, that's pretty amazing to have the year that he did."

On the pitching side, the Falcons were led by right-hander

Kyle Knoblauch. In 12 starts, Knoblauch went 2-6 with a 3.48 earned run average, 18 walks and 51 strikeouts.

"He pitched very, very well, and he deserved better [than a 2-6 record], and really if we score him any type of runs his record is completely the opposite of what you're seeing," Schmitz said.

The Falcons will now look to come out of this rebuilding year and make their way back to the top of the MAC West Division. Schmitz believes that with a year under their belt, this year's freshman class will be ready to make an impact next year.

"One nice thing about this year is that we had a lot of freshmen that came in and got their feet wet, and the big thing is now that they need to come back as sophomores, as men and really be able to be a force next year," he said.



Emily Hois BG News

NEW BAR: Beckett's, 146 N. Main St., opened May 20, just after students left town. The bar is aimed at an older crowd, owners said.

Businesses set for slump season

By Emily Hois
REPORTER

Despite the departure of many college students in the summer, local businesses embrace different tactics to maintain their profits.

Uptown-Downtown, a two story bar located on the corner of North Main and Court Streets, undergoes a change in their customer base once the spring semester ends. But according to Manager Mike Pfeifer, the bar's overall business isn't greatly affected.

One reason is that Uptown-Downtown has different themes for different nights. "Our clientele is very diverse," Pfeifer said. For example, Tuesdays are Drag night and Wednesdays are Goth night, in which bar-goers might travel in from Dayton or Detroit.

During the summer months, regular customers remain loyal to the bar, Pfeifer explained. "No matter what subculture you fall into, we have a night for it," he said.

Although the bar loses about one-third of its customers in the summer, a majority of them are undergraduates. But it's the upperclassmen, however, who buy the drinks and bring in the most revenue. "Because other bars close in the summer, we get their clientele," Pfeifer said.

To attract customers on slower nights, Uptown-Downtown now has Jäger bomb specials on

Thursdays and "Money Mondays," where they have free pool and two-dollar shots. Pfeifer said most of the ideas they get are from employees who are still partying and know who wants what. "The bar crowd is very loyal to certain bars certain nights," he said.

The bar employs about 90 percent college students. Pfeifer said the summer staff is about one-half to three-quarters of what it is during the school year. "We have a high turnover rate," he said, "Many employees work their way up." Pfeifer is one example. He began as a bouncer six years ago, and today he works as a manager.

Another bar called Beckett's, owned by Jim and Walt Ferrell, opened May 20 at Sam B's old location on North Main Street. Manager Gus Sonnenberg said the original plan was to appeal to an older crowd. "We thought we'd be open four to 12, then our customers would be in bed," Sonnenberg said.

The inspiration for the bar, which is covered in red carpet, plays jazzy music and specializes in martinis and coffee drinks, came from its former occupant—a pool hall.

"We just want to be different," Sonnenberg said. "I think we've got the only eight-foot drop (pool) table where you pay by the

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Bingo, music and book club to keep Union-goers busy through summer

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ed. The club is a trial and much would depend on the amount of feedback they receive.

"We are more than happy to do [this], we would [like to] have two book features per month," Hanco said. "One for the women's book club, one for the general book club that could be a non-fiction title, something on the bestseller list."

Bingo has for the first time joined the list of activities at the Union. It starts June 3, and will be played every other Tuesday in the Falcon's Nest.

"Bingo, it is very popular at a lot of other campuses and a lot of other Unions," Hanco said. "We are going to be giving out prizes. It is not going to be for cash." Bingo will be free to all who play. There would be a limit of two cards per person. Players can check out cards with ID.

The prizes for Bingo, according to Hanco, are gifts certificates for different restaurants donated by the community. Aside from certificates, contestants could also win some summer supplies.

"You play for an hour and you win something, why not," Hanco said. "If it is very successful we

are hoping to get more involvement from the community for maybe some higher ticket prizes."

On Tuesdays with no Bingo, there will be music performances in the Nest.

"We have students from the College of Musical Arts Jazz program. They agreed to come in and are performing for about an hour," Bishara said.

There are also two workshops organized for those who going on vacation: trip planning and backpacking.

"People are going on vacation, it is a good opportunity to learn

about planning those trips, [so they can] save their money," Bishara said.

Another activity is going to be a one-day trip to Detroit on July 10. "Our plan would be to go to Detroit for a day, to take people to a mall and also to go to a Detroit Tiger's game," Bishara said. The price for the trip would include the cost of the shuttle and the baseball game. Everyone who is interested in going on the summer trip is encouraged to call the Office of Campus Involvement.

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THE WEEK

Businesses tighten belts for summer

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hour."

But with the compliments from younger folks and a bulk of business coming in after 11:30 p.m., Beckett's changed their mind about how late they would stay open. With extended hours until 2 a.m., the 21 and over bar now has a doorman checking ID's and an employee patrolling the floor.

In light of the late spring opening, Sonnenberg feels summer business will be fine. "We're pretty confident about it," he said. "When September comes, that's what tells the real story. That's what Bowling Green."

Jimmy Johns, which specializes in gourmet sandwiches, is located in the Greenwood Centre. Brian Stevenson, who drives and delivers for the sandwich shop, said 50 percent of their clientele is college students. "We still have a small college base in the summer," Stevenson said. But dorms are big sources of revenue during the school year. "We'd go the dorms like 30 times a night," he said. That's one reason the sandwich shop closes early in the summer.

No late night studying means less orders at two-thirty in the morning.

But business for Jimmy Johns is still good during the day. "We have a pretty large industrial base," Stevenson said. They make many deliveries to places such as Cooper Tires, along with companies back by the Sheriff's office, and businesses along Main Street.

"We still have a lot of deliveries until about four in the afternoon," he said.

As far as specials or promotions, Jimmy Johns does a lot of sampling. They distribute their sandwiches all around town. "We're pretty cheap to begin with," Stevenson said, but the sampling "lets everyone know we're there."

Video Spectrum, a video rental store on East Washington Street has been around for 22 years. Owner Bill Wilkins has seen



Emily Hois BG News

SUMMERTIME: With students leaving town, Uptown-Downtown is preparing to keep customers by offering summer specials.

many summers come and go and said one reason for the early summer business slump is due to the extended daylight.

"Because of the seasons, there are outside functions," Wilkins said. Also, the time period after graduation when college students have gone home and local kids are still in school is slow for business.

But after the transition is over, and school is officially over, business picks up.

"There are always little peaks and dips," Wilkins said, but closing for the summer simply "couldn't be done." Curling up with popcorn and a good movie is always in demand. And with a selection that runs between 17,000 and 18,000 movies, Video Spectrum offers customers everything from foreign films to classics to independent films and television series.

With a mix of customers Wilkins, said the store has learned to buy movies that respond to the demand of regular workers along with college students. When hiring, he and

co-owner Susan Wilkins target film majors or people interested in movies.

"They'll (employees) care more about taking care of the customer, and that's most important to us," Mr. Wilkins said. "Our philosophy is to satisfy the customer."

Video Spectrum embraces "owner participation on a daily basis." This practice enables them to "address problems right there and change them immediately," according to Wilkins.

"The stock market situation is certainly having an impact on major gifts. Many people are waiting for the market to improve before transferring different stocks."

MARCIA LATTA, UNIVERSITY DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

BGSU seeks to keep alumni assistance

By Kara Hull
REPORTER

Despite harsh economic times across the nation, financial contributions to the University are up 6.5 percent from last year's total of \$6.2 million. As of March 31, more than \$6.6 million has been given to the University for scholarships, fellowships for graduate students and numerous other types of donations from both alumni and friends of the University.

However, according to Marcia Latta, director of development, this doesn't mean that the University is immune to being affected by the current economy. "The stock market situation is certainly having an impact on major gifts," Latta said. "Many people are waiting for the market to improve before transferring different stocks."

As a result of the current economic conditions, few scholarships are becoming endowed. The \$25,000 minimum donation to endow, or ensure a fund's permanent existence at the University, seems impossible to many donors this year. But according to Tim Koder, director of major gifts, the desire to create scholarships is there now more than ever, keeping this the most popular way to contribute.

"I think people are more compelled to want to help establish scholarships because they're getting the news and information of

the increased cost of education for students here and at all institutions in Ohio," he said. "They want students to have access to the education."

Awarding more than \$2 million in scholarships last year, officials contribute such success to their ability to tailor scholarships to the interests of donors. "We're all working with individuals on a regular basis," Koder said. "As part of that process, we're looking for what excites them. As we start to identify where they want to leave a legacy or make an impact, then we can match it up."

Focusing on ways to help orphans like himself get through college, 1998 graduate Jim Good has first hand knowledge of how the economy can influence donations. In addition to establishing the first orphan scholarship for University students last year, Good has been working to create the American Orphan Association based on proceeds from private donors.

"I'm so used to people telling me that my charity will fail given the current economic conditions," Good said. "People are obviously concerned about their pocketbooks, but you still have that core group who will continue to give."

The University is counting on its core group too, but even these donors, like Good, have been hit hard financially. Due to a lack of

donations to his charity, Good was not able to provide the funds to award his scholarship in the spring. However, he plans to give the University the money in the fall, despite his financial situation.

"I've never griped about giving to the University even when I've had to borrow money to do so," Good said. "I originally set up the scholarship because it was a calling and I was selfish in the sense that it made me feel good."

Though major gifts spur much of the University's scholarships, smaller donations are essential to the functioning of the University. "We are very interested in smaller donations because we view each gift like a vote of confidence," Latta said.

Regardless of the economic situation, the tactics used to encourage contributions remain unchanged. Personal meetings with prospective donors are the most effective, according to Latta. "When we can go and visit with potential donors, they are generally very receptive," she said. "When we meet, we can tell them BGSU's story, find out what their interests are and match those interests to a need here."

Students can work wonders when it comes to supporting current donors and persuading

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WOW: a family affair

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"She's working on going backwards," Donna says just as Samantha grabs her mother's arm to push off for a demonstration.

April and Samantha occasionally practice together, too,

younger sister following older sister's lead.

With more than a year of experience and WOW training behind her, April has advice for other unicycle rookies: "Look forward, look straight, and don't look down," she said.

For details on WOW contact Layne at jlayne1@juno.com.

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OPINION

The Dixie Chicks rock the 'country'

Natalie Maines, the lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, has been causing controversy again. At the Academy of Country Music Awards, the band performed a song live from Austin, Texas, and it was broadcast over satellite for the audience to watch.

While they performed Maines wore a sleeveless shirt with the letters EU.T.K on the front.

It is not known for sure, but the letters were assumed by many at the awards show to be a message against fellow country

singer Toby Keith. The two have had a on-going personal battle.

The history of this battle goes back to when the war was getting ready to begin. Maines made a statement that the band was "ashamed the president of the United States is from Texas." She said this because she did not agree with Bush's push for military action against Iraq.

After she made that comment Keith started showing doctored pictures of Maines with Saddam Hussein on big-screen televi-

sions at his concerts. Her choice to wear the shirt is considered to be her rebuttal to that.

Many viewers at the awards show booed the Dixie Chicks, as did other country singers, after they finished their performance. The band also received negative responses when they were nominated for awards, none of which they won.

Country music is traditionally a very pro-American, patriotic genre. The fact that many radio stations banned the Dixie

Chicks' music is a strong enough message that the country music genre is not ready for political views different than the mainstream.

In other musical genres like rock and hip hop, political views tend to be mingled into songs much more frequently. There also has never really been as big of a controversy of it in these genres. In rock and hip hop the only songs that really get banned are ones that contain curse words or offensive lyrics.

Decades ago when rock musicians like Bob Dylan were singing about politics and how they wanted a change, there was controversy and conflict too. Now rock musicians like Kid Rock and 3 Doors Down can have pro-war views and can exist alongside bands that don't. When hip-hop was making its way into peoples ears telling the hardships of everyday life, there was also adversity.

Could it be that the country music genre is starting to go

through a transitional period where over time it will be liberated enough to accept, or even welcome, differing points of view, even ones that are considered unpatriotic?

The Dixie Chicks could be starting this revolution, a mission to make the genre less critical of liberal perspectives.

If fans of country music continue to tune out the Dixie Chicks, and other bands who share similar views, they might miss out on a chance to learn.

FCC: one owner, one view



KEITH J. POWELL
Columnist

If you are wondering why the new rules regarding deregulation passed just days ago by the FCC are so dangerous, I offer you this chilling vision of how things could be; a world where the only source of information comes from FOX News. If you're not scared yet, you should be and I'll tell you why.

The Federal Communications Commission voted Monday 3-2 to relax rules regulating ownership, a move proposed by FCC Chairman Michael Powell and supported by most of the major media companies. What this relaxation in regulations means is that companies will now be able to own more television stations. Specifically an individual company will now be able to own television stations that reach 45 percent of the U.S. population as opposed to before when the cap was placed at 35 percent. This is in addition to allowing a company to own both a newspaper and a broadcasting outlet in communities with nine or more television stations.

While Powell may choose to defend the lifting of these restrictions as part of a strategy to "advance [our] goals of diversity and localism," not everyone on the commission is convinced. Michael Cops, a fellow commission member described the changes as creating "a new media elite," and thus consolidating the flow of information in to the hands of a few. In effect, fewer and fewer people will be controlling the information that the public receives. The concept of spin is nothing new, but the idea of all the spin being in the same direction is a dangerous

one, and to illustrate that point one need only "Remember the Maine." "Remember the Maine," was a battle cry made popular during the Spanish-American War, a war many now credit newspaper mogul William Randolph Hearst with starting.

At the turn of the 20th century the only source for news was the newspapers, and one of two men, either William Randolph Hearst or Joseph Pulitzer controlled the majority of the major newspapers. As the two journalistic giants competed for readers they leaped towards the sensational, anything that would grab and hold the public's eye. In the 1890's, a small group of Cuban rebels began a resistance movement against the Spanish colonial government and the U.S. population was hooked. Hearst seized on this fascination and began to report wild accounts ranging from Amazon resistance fighters to Spanish cannibalism. As public interest grew Hearst sent correspondents Stephen Crane and Frederick Remington to cover the war, but upon their arrival found little to report. The journalists then wired Hearst with the following message: "There is no war. Request to be recalled," to which Hearst supposedly responded, "Please remain. You furnish the pictures, I'll furnish the war." In 1898 the U.S.S. Maine entered Havana Harbor and three weeks later was sunk by a mysterious explosion, which to this day remains the subject of speculation and debate. Following the sinking of the Maine, Hearst devoted eight pages a day of his various papers to the "war" coverage. What happened next is history.

It has been speculated that it was similarly the media's influence that handed Bush an election that Gore rightly won. During the 2000 election Gore

won the national vote but the electoral vote was still undecided, that is until John Ellis with FOX News stepped in and declared Bush the winner. The other networks immediately followed suit and in the public's eye Gore became a desperate man trying to steal away something Bush had rightly won. As the media increasingly portrayed Gore as this underdog grasping at straws, the public became increasingly convinced that was the truth of the situation to the point that his own party and his own running mate turned against the Vice-President. The reality of the situation however, was that if the re-counts had continued it is very possible that Gore would have been proven the winner. The courts stopped the re-counts however and thanks to John Ellis, the nation "knew" the real winner. In addition to having been the first to call the 2000 election, Ellis holds another distinction; he is first cousin to George W. Bush.

Information cannot afford to be reduced to the status of a commodity. People must be able to look and see for themselves from varying sources to have any understanding of the truth. It is not enough to hope that the information one is receiving is unbiased because there is no such thing as totally unbiased information. The only way to have fair and balanced news is to receive it from multiple sources, thus allowing the individual to process the information. Unfortunately with the relaxation already passed by the FCC, the only thing that can be done now is to pressure the courts to reject the changes and in the meantime to "Remember the Maine."

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What is your favorite "old-school" cartoon?



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"Beetlejuice. IT WAS THE BOMB!"



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"She-Ra, because she was better than He-Man."



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SENIOR, SOCIOLOGY
"He-Man, because he was better than She-Ra."



RENEE WHITMEYER
SENIOR, HEALTH PROMOTION
"Smurfs was the best."

A near-historic day at Comerica Park



MATT SUSSMAN
Humor Columnist

"You may say I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one." John Lennon, rest in peace, wasn't with us at the time, but many were.

I would die laughing if you told me that there are 44,000 die-hard Detroit Tigers fans in the world. In fact, I would die so fast, you could bury me next to Lennon. However, over 44,000 fans joined me in Comerica Park on Sunday afternoon, making us the largest paid attendance in the 4-year history of the stadium. I'm not a betting man, but I would bet the farm they weren't there to see rookie Jeremy Bonderman pitch. Perhaps it was because they were playing the Yankees, and Roger Clemens was pitching. Not only is the future Hall-of-Famer a big draw, he was attempting to make history. If Clemens won on Sunday, he would have notched 300 career victories - something only 20 other pitchers have done.

The day started off on a rather bad note. As we pulled into the parking lot, we noted a sign which said "Parking: \$10." This made me wonder why the foreign valet charged me fifteen dollars. I pointed out the sign, and he said, "No, that's for different parking." I was just glad the car wasn't stolen, and he didn't give me change back in coins with square holes in them.

We got to the park, and found our seats, and the game began. The first inning was scoreless. In the second inning, the Yankees scored first, then the Tigers tied it back up in the bottom of the inning. However, the Yankees added to their lead in the bottom of the third when pretty boy Derek Jeter homered to left field. (Don't you wish all sports games were brought to you biased like this?)

By the end of the third inning, I was ready to squander some money on a stadium frank. An inning and a half later, I finally received my ten-dollar meal of a hot dog, fries, and a Pepsi. Not only that, but the Yankees built a 7-1 lead as soon as I returned to my seat. With Clemens on the mound with a six-run lead, he was going to make history. Right? Not right. The Tigers some-

how scored five runs in that inning, and by the end of the 7th inning, the game was tied 8-8. By this time, Clemens was out of the game and the alcohol imbibed by the fans was starting to take its toll. Some fans with lofty aspirations attempted to start the wave around the stadium. I noticed two fans dressed in Abercrombie shirts trying to get the lazy fans to stand up out of their seat and raise their hands up in a timely fashion that would create the wave. And the day was far from over.

The game was still knotted at 8-8 by the end of the 9th inning. This meant extra innings, or as I like to call it, "free baseball." For those of you who have never experienced an extra-inning baseball game, let me paint you a picture. Both teams start to run out of pitchers. In fact, both teams ended up using starting pitchers to finish out the remainder of the game. We then sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" again during the impromptu "14th inning stretch." Some fans are sobering up, but a steadfast few are getting drunker. Not only were our Abercrombie heroes becoming more and more wasted, they gave up on starting the wave and began posing as ushers, allowing only Tigers fans to return to their seats. Now this was funny. However, not all fans were hammered. Some girls, who were dragged to the ballpark by their boyfriends or fiancés, were begging to return home. They would even offer sexual favors to their loved ones if they left early, even the "things" they said they would never do if they were paid. As the horny baseball fans left the park, the stadium was at about half capacity for the remainder of the 17-inning war of attrition, which the Yankees ended up winning 10-9.

What's not to love about baseball? Sure, it's not an attractive sport at first glance. Football has tackles and hockey has fights, but baseball has so many unique components that make it a game to enjoy and experience for a whole day. Granted, it loses its luster on TV, but nothing beats a day at the ballpark. History could be made. The weather might be perfect. The lucky home team might win, and towards the end, you and your friends get to laugh at "Aberdrunkie."



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NEWS

Man tries too hard to catch an airplane

(AP) A man running late for his flight to Phoenix called in a phony bomb threat Monday in hopes that the plane would be delayed long enough for him to get on board, police said.

The 30 passengers were evacuated and a bomb squad searched the plane with the help of a dog. All bags were rechecked for any trace of an explosive device.

Nothing suspicious was discovered, said Capt. Joe Puckett of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office.

The man was held on outstanding, unrelated criminal charges and being questioned by the FBI, Moran said. The suspect was not immediately identified.

Albany police hunt for a burned burglar

Democrat-Herald.com Albany police are searching for someone who must have received a severe electrical shock and burns Sunday night while apparently trying to cut an electrical line at the former Inland Quick Freeze building on Water Avenue.

Police went to the site between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m. Inside the building, they found burned clothes, burned gloves and what appeared to be someone's burned scalp — a piece of skin with hair still attached to it. Compiled from Fark.com.

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LILYS

PRECOLLECTION



Manifesto Records



You may have caught them at Howard's on May 28. If you didn't, what you missed was a collection of melodic tunes with complex lyrics. With their first full-length CD in four years, this time the Lilys combined the psychedelic sounds of the '60s with mid-'80s UK indie-rock. The Lilys is made up of six musicians surrounding one songwriter, Kurt Heasley. Describing the reasoning behind the band's delirious, psychedelic sounds, Heasley said that he "never learned to play the guitar properly." It's apparent when listening to "Precollection" that the sounds of the '60s had a large influence on Heasley. The album has a bit of a Zeppelin-esque sound.

Track number seven, "Perception Room," sounds much like the Doors.

Heasley gives off a Morrison vibe while the music, complete with keyboards, has an uncanny resemblance. One thing the Lilys are lacking, however, is variety. Each song has a bit of the same sound. Lyrically, it's like Heasley is trying too hard to come off as mysterious, deep and pensive. For some, this combination can equal boring. The songs seem to drone on until you can't tolerate them anymore and must switch to the next track, only to do the same with that song.

Grade: C-

— Andrea Wilhelm

"The Internet access at our Napoleon location is up and running as of last week."

DANA ORLANDO, COMMUNITY SERVICE REP. AT STERLING UNIVERSITY ENCLAVE

Landlords offer high-speed Web

By Ariel Castro
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

In the past, landlords have attempted to attract off-campus students with benefits including reduced rent, paid utilities, and free appliances. The newest perk being offered in Bowling Green is high-speed Internet access.

Sterling University Enclave and Winthrop Terrace are two apartment complexes that have recently begun offering the service.

"It is very efficient for students for homework and other educational purposes," Dana Orlando, community service representative at Sterling University Enclave, said. "It's an optional utility that students will like."

Some apartment complexes are hoping to entice students with the convenience of having high-speed Internet access at their fingertips.

Sterling University Enclave offers DSL (digital subscriber line) service in both computer

labs and in each apartment. They began offering the service in May.

"Our computer labs are accessible to all residents, so even those who don't own computers will be able to use the internet," Orlando said.

Winthrop Terrace, which has locations on Napoleon, Summit, and Palmer Streets is currently installing a T1 connection in its apartments. Ethernet wiring connects up to three computers to the internet in each apartment.

"The Internet access at our Napoleon location is up and running as of last week," Chris Ostrowski, specialist at the apartment complex, said. "The other locations should be connected this week."

This new trend in benefits is valuable because it saves the tenant a significant amount of money each month. Landlords know that saving money is at the forefront of the minds of college

students.

"Though it's not cheap, the owners [of the complex] pay for the internet access," Ostrowski said. "That's how it is considered free to the tenants."

Other providers of high-speed Internet access such as Roadrunner (Time-Warner Cable) charge upwards of \$40 per month for Internet access through a cable modem.

Residents of the apartments are already enjoying their high speed internet access for course-related purposes.

"I like being able to use my own computer so I don't have to keep going back and forth from campus," Lee Torres, senior at the University and resident of Winthrop Terrace, said. "I am taking an online course and I can check my homework assignments, syllabus and course chat-room all very fast. I can also do other things quickly like downloading music."

LESS THAN JAKE

ANTHEM



Warner Bros. Records



A breath of fresh air for punk fans, Less Than Jake is finally back after a three-year hiatus. The time they took to write and record their latest album, "Anthem," was well worth the wait. Great party music, this upbeat and fast-paced CD offers happy-go-lucky songs that are actually not so happy. Lyrics about shared hopes and fears are set to cheery tunes that let listeners know someone understands.

"Anthem" features the original sound of Less Than Jake that fans know and love but with an added twist. "We tried to write a whole different kind of song," said vocalist and guitarist Chris

Demakes. "We were interested in pushing boundaries, at the same time remaining true to who we are."

"Anthem" features a collection of 13 songs of this improved sound and one bonus track. My favorite song, "The Brightest Bulb Had Burned Out/Screws Fall Out," starts off slow. It's not until after two minutes into the song that it explodes and truly rocks out.

If that's not enough reason to enjoy "Anthem," the album also includes 16 exclusive illustrations by top underground artists. This enhanced CD also includes the video "She's Gonna Break Soon," as well as photos, buddy icons and more.

Grade: B

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prospective contributors. "One of the best ways to market it is to try to engage donors with some students," Koder said. "Students are probably the best marketing tool that we have."

Interaction with students often becomes what compels donors to continue to contribute after that initial donation, Latta said. These repeat donors are an asset to the University especially as state funding continues to be cut. "More and more Universities are looking to private donors for support," Larry Weiss, 1967 graduate and former director of the alumni center, said. "I think we all want to take pride in our alma mater, wherever that may be. We want to better it and take it to another level and this can no longer be

done on state funding alone."

Economic conditions, however, can't affect the ability of alumni to contribute in other ways, including remaining active in their respective alumni chapters. According to 1986 graduate Brock Bierman, staying active within the University community is just as important as giving financially.

"Right after graduation, I couldn't afford to contribute financially, so I had to find other ways to contribute," he said.

Regardless of the type of contributions alumni make, it is the responsibility of all graduates to help shape the experience of current students, according to University graduate Fred Zackel.

"The only thing that makes BGSU have a personality is the people that invest themselves into the students," he said.

Funding in jeopardy

BUDGET, FROM PAGE 1

cational spending is not over yet. The Senate version of the budget is much better for the higher education than the House version.

"Now you have two completely different looks at the bill," Weiss said. "I guess that the final version

will end up being somewhere between House version and Senate version. In the other words if you look at the higher education [item] it would be not as bad as it was in the House, but probably won't be as good as it is right now as we see it in the Senate."

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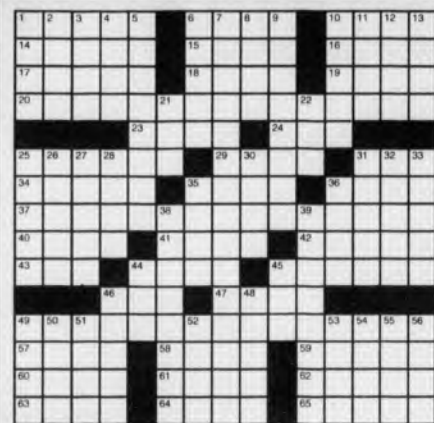
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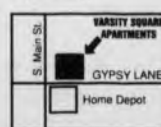
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